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SUPERIOR SPIDER-MONTH

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OTTO OCTAVIUS was a villain and a jerk (that's bad). Now, after switching bodies with PETER PARKER, the original amazing Spider-Man, he has taken up the guise of THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN and become a hero, (that's good). Taking on all aspects of Parker's life and succeeding where he never could (that's good, too!). But he's still a jerk (that's bad).

Having noticed that his crimefighting ways have taken a turn for the violent, CAPTAIN AMERICA (formerly Steve Rogers, a scrawny WW2 bootcamp washout-turned-super-soldier) has taken it upon himself to straighten Spidey out. He and the Avengers (Earth's mightiest heroes – all of 'em) put Spidey on probation. That may not be enough.

A DAY IN SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE

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New York City.
12:37 A.M.
AAIIEE!
PLEASE... TAKE MY WALLET, JUST DON'T HURT US...
YOU THINK WE WANT YOUR MONEY? WE HAVE MONEY. WHAT WE WANT IS PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT THIS IS OUR CITY.
AND WE DO THAT BY HURTING YOU.
YOU THINK THIS CITY BELONGS TO YOU?
SHRACK!
UHN!
YOU'RE WRONG.
YOU BELONG TO US.
YOU BELONG TO CLOAK AND DAGGER.
I NEED TO FEED...I FEEL THEIR LIGHT. I NEED--
...

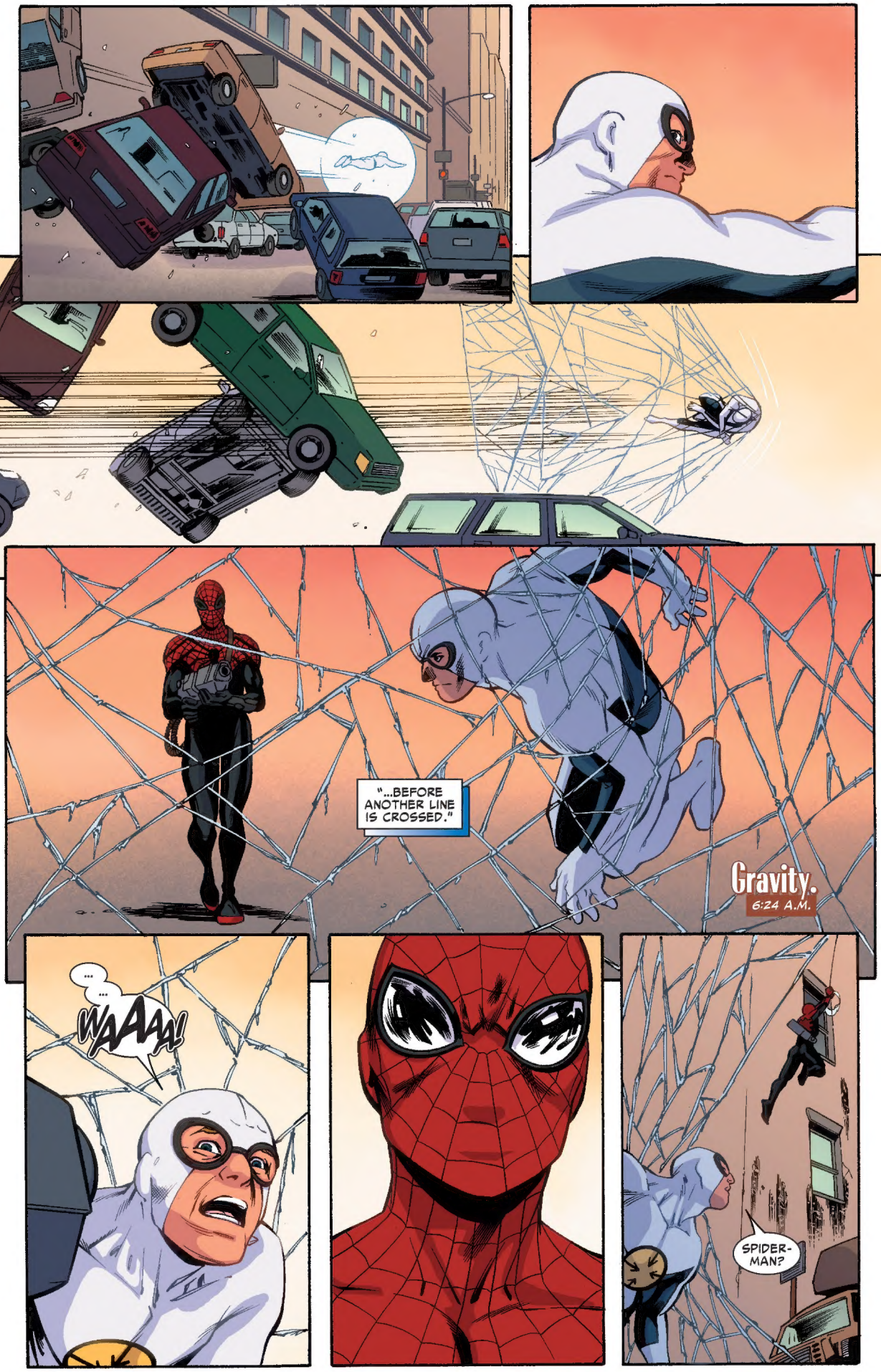
WHAT THE--?!
SPIDER-MAN?!
RUN!
SPIDER-MAN, WE HAD THIS UNDER CONTROL.
THERE WAS NO NEED TO--
KRACK!

Chicote's
HELL'S KITCHEN
NYC
Hell's Kitchen.
4:12 A.M.
"YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WERE GETTING INTO WHEN YOU SIGNED UP FOR THIS!"
YES, HONEY, I ALWAYS SMELL LIKE FISH! THAT'S WHAT I DO, DELIVER FISH!
NO, I-- IT'S NOT-- WHAT?
BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT TIME THEY NEED IT!
KRSH!
HA HA HA!
?
WATCH OUT!
MOVE!
VINCE? ARE YOU STILL THERE?
WHAT'S SO AMAZING THAT YOU CAN'T PAY ATTENTION TO ME?
UNH!

--CITY WAKING UP TO REPORTS OF A ONE-MAN WAR AGAINST THE CITY'S SUPER HEROES.
A WAR BEING WAGED BY SPIDER-MAN.
--EVERYONE THOUGHT HE WAS COMING TO HELP, BUT THEN HE JUST ATTACKED THE GIRL IN BLACK--
--VIDEO OF SPIDER-MAN ATTACKING DAREDEVIL IN HELL'S KITCHEN, CAUGHT BY A LOCAL FISHMONGER--
"He just attacked the girl in black"
GOOD MORNING, CAPTAIN.
I WISH IT WAS, JARVIS.
WE PUT SPIDER-MAN ON PROBATION WITH THE AVENGERS AFTER SOME RECENT... BEHAVIOR.
IT LOOKS LIKE WE DIDN'T GO FAR ENOUGH.
SHALL I SEND OUT THE CALL, SIR?
YEAH.
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE.
"THIS IS CAPTAIN AMERICA TO ALL AVENGERS...
"HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW...
Avengers Tower.
5:07 A.M.

"FOR WEEKS, WE'VE BEEN NOTICING A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE WITHIN SPIDER-MAN. HE'S BECOME BELLIGERENT, ARROGANT... EVEN ANTAGONISTIC.
"HE'S HAD UNUSUALLY NEGATIVE RUN-INS WITH THE X-MEN, THE FANTASTIC FOUR, EVEN THOR.
"BUT THEN, THINGS ESCALATED. AFTER TROUBLING RUMORS ABOUT THE DEATH OF THE SUPER VILLAIN NAMED *MASSACRE* AT SPIDER-MAN'S HANDS...
"...SPIDER-MAN WAS CAPTURED ON FILM SAVAGELY BEATING TWO FAIRLY HARMLESS PRANKSTERS NAMED SCREWBALL AND JESTER.
"THE AVENGERS BROUGHT SPIDER-MAN IN FOR QUESTIONING, AT WHICH POINT HE ENGAGED US. WE WERE ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT IT WAS INDEED SPIDER-MAN WE WERE DEALING WITH...
"...BUT THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT SOMETHING HAS CHANGED. BLACK WIDOW BELIEVES HE'S HAVING A HARD TIME DEALING WITH THE RECENT DEATH OF AN ALLY.
"AND FINALLY, THE EVENTS IN SHADOWLAND ARE FORCING US TO LOOK AT SPIDER-MAN AND HOW HE OPERATES IN A WHOLE NEW LIGHT.
"SO THE MISSION IS CLEAR...
CAN'T REMEMBER THIS ONE SPIDEY-NERDS? IT JUST HAPPENED IN SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN #14! READ IT ALREADY! --SANA "SCHOOLED YOU" AMANAT

"...WE HAVE TO TAKE DOWN SPIDER-MAN.
Manhattan.
6:14 A.M.


"...BEFORE ANOTHER LINE IS CROSSED."
Gravity.
6:24 A.M.
...
WAAAA!
SPIDER-MAN?

7:42 A.M.
Power Man And Iron Fist.
8:39 A.M.
Sun Girl.
9:50 A.M.
Moon Knight.
10:25 A.M.
Doctor Strange.

The Baxter Building.
HOME OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR AND FUTURE FOUNDATION. 11:46 A.M.
HE'S COME TO KILL ME!
STAY STILL, INSECT!
Medusa.
I ALWAYS FORGET HOW FAST HE IS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, WEBS?!
She-Hulk.
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
Miss Thing.
I SWEAR, I DIDN'T BUILD ANYTHING BAD! WHY WOULD HE COME AFTER ME?!
I DON'T THINK HE'S AFTER YOU, BENTLEY...I THINK HE'S AFTER...
"...MISTER LANG."
WHAM!
Ant-Man.
UHN!
...WHAT'S HAPP--
SPIDER-MAN?!
WARNING. ENVIRONMENTAL ANOMALY DETECTED.

RRRAAA!
WAAA!
GRAB HIM! HE'S GETTING AW--
AUHH!
HA! HE'S RUNNING FROM THE WRATH OF BENTLEY-666, NO DOU--
SPAT
HRMP!
SCAN! ROUTE ALL SPIDER-BOT CAMERAS INTO THE LENSES!
11:59 A.M.
COME ON...COME ON...
WHERE ARE--
SPIDER-MAN!
--YOU.
THIS IS...
...INCONVENIENT.

UNTIL A NUMBER OF WEEKS AGO, MY NAME WAS DOCTOR OTTO OCTAVIUS, KNOWN AND FEARED BY THE WORLD AS THE SUPER VILLAIN *DOCTOR OCTOPUS*.
YEARS OF DOING BATTLE WITH SPIDER-MAN, HOWEVER, HAD DESTROYED MY BODY. IN A FINAL, GENIUS MOMENT OF REVENGE, I TRANSFERRED MY MIND INTO THE BODY OF MY HATED ENEMY.
THE BODY OF DOCTOR OCTOPUS DIED, TAKING SPIDER-MAN'S MIND WITH IT. AND I BECAME *PETER PARKER*, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN.
NO...NOT AMAZING.
SUPERIOR.

BUT IN THIS MOMENT, I CURSE THE NAME "SPIDER-MAN!"
AS DOCTOR OCTOPUS, I WOULD HAVE REVELED IN THIS DAY.
ONE BY ONE, I HAVE TAKEN THE MEASURE OF THIS CITY'S SUPER HEROES, AND FOUND THEM *WANTING*.
AT LEAST, AS I MENTIONED...
...UNTIL THIS MOMENT.

ONE WRONG MOVE, YOU GET A STUN ARROW TO THE HEAD.
YOU KNOW, ON TOP OF HULK AND THOR RIPPING OFF YOUR ARMS.
YOU IDIOTS!
LET ME GO, NOW!
SETTLE DOWN. NO ONE WANTS THIS TO GET UGLIER THAN IT ALREADY IS.
I MISSED YOUR FIRST LITTLE "PEER REVIEW," SPIDER-MAN. CARE TO EXPLAIN WHEN YOU BECAME SUCH A, WHAT'S THE WORD I'M LOOKING FOR?
JACKASS?
THAT'S THE ONE.
AND SINCE WHEN DO YOU CARRY THIS KIND OF TECH? WHATEVER IT IS...
YOU'RE PUTTING EVERYONE IN DANGER! ALL OF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE THIS PLACE!
HMP. THINK I ACTUALLY FELT HIM MOVE.
HIS STRENGTH IS IMPRESSIVE... FOR A MORTAL.
EXPLAIN YOURSELF, MISTER.
IF THERE WAS DANGER, WE'D KNOW ABOUT IT. FROM WHAT I CAN SEE, THE ONLY DANGER HERE IS YOU.
STARK, YOU ARROGANT--!
YOUR ARMOR...ITS FILTERS SHOULD KEEP THE VIRUS OUT. IT'LL WANT TO TARGET YOU...
ME? WHY ME? I'M A FRIEND TO VIRUSES.
BECAUSE IF IT WERE ME, I'D TARGET YOU, TOO. WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T OPEN YOUR FACEPLATE!

NO OFFENSE...
...BUT UNLESS THIS IS A COMPUTER VIRUS, I THINK I'M GOING TO BE OKAY.
NO...HE'S IN SPACE AGAIN...
THINK!
Running virus test
7%
23%
41%
71%
Virus test complete
STATUS: CLEAN
LISTEN TO ME!
WHERE IS IT... WHERE IS--
CLEAN
CLEAN
CLEAN
HEH.
NO.
CLEAN
YOU ALL SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO SPIDER-MAN.
STATUS: INFECTED
NOT HIM.
DANGER
CHOOOM!
NOT...
KA-BOOOM!
HYPERION?!

HYPERION.
SOME KIND OF SUPERIOR MAN FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE, STUCK HERE.
HIS POWER IS BEYOND MOST MEN'S COMPREHENSION... AND NOW HE'S BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE VIRUS.
NOT GOOD.
RAAAA!
NO KIDDING!
HYPERION HAS BEEN COMPROMISED!
END THIS, HYPERION...
...OR I WILL!
CAROL, HELP THOR.
ON IT!
CHOOM!
HT!
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF! THIS ISN'T YOU!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
AAAH!

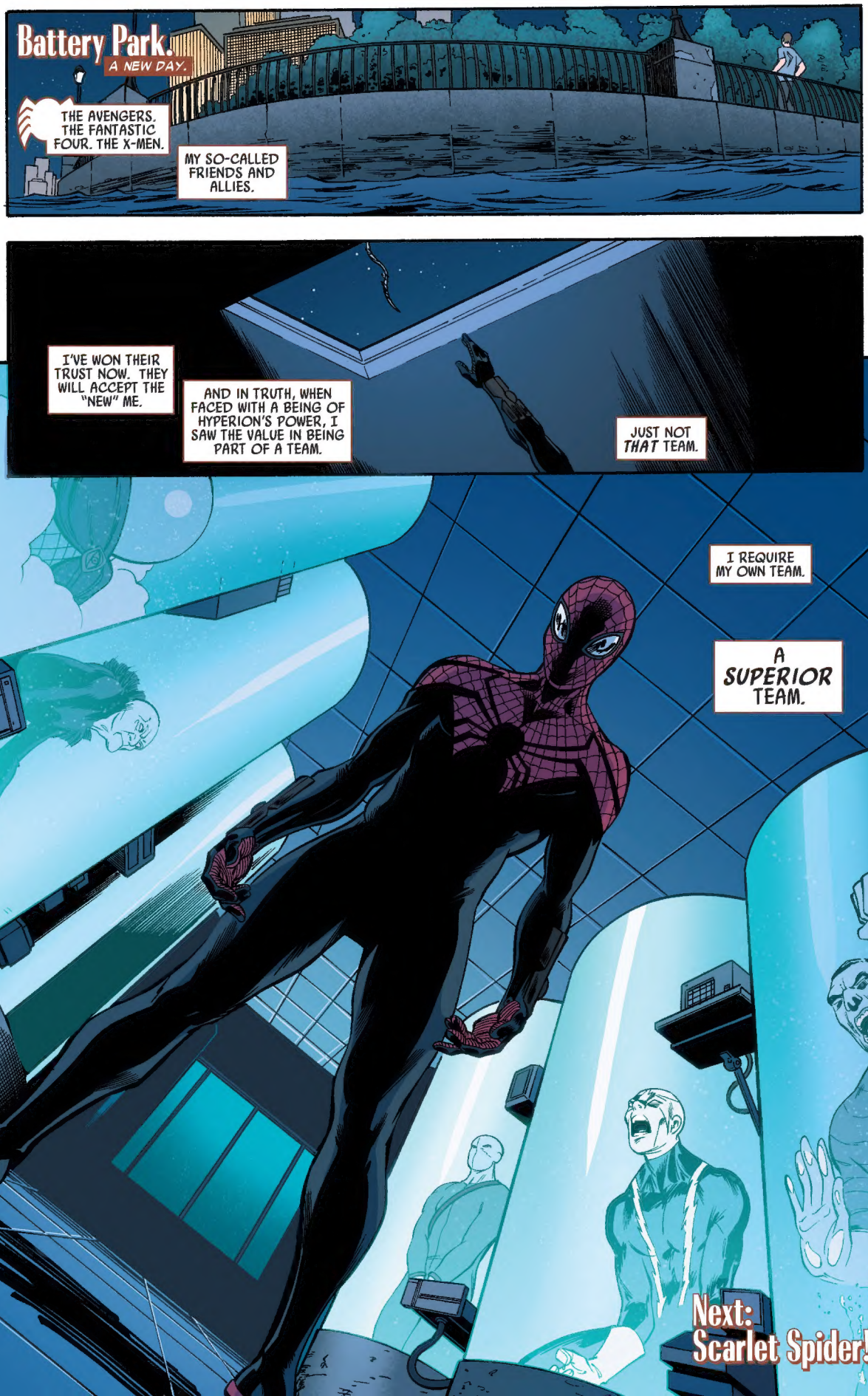
I HAD THIS HANDLED! AND THEN YOU INTERFERED!
TO THINK THAT YOU PUT ME ON PROBATION!
ENOUGH! WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
THAT INVINCIBLE OAF HAS BEEN POSSESSED BY A SENTIENT VIRUS... THE CARRION VIRUS.
IT'S BEEN HOPPING FROM SUPER HERO TO SUPER HERO ALL DAY. I DETECTED IT EARLY, I'VE BEEN TRACKING IT.
I'VE FOUND A WAY TO--
BLAST.
DOWN!
I'VE DESIGNED A WEAPON THAT CAN DESTROY THE VIRUS...
...AND CARRION KNOWS IT. IT'S BEEN RUNNING FROM ME.
WHAT DO YOU NEED?
TIME!
YOU'LL HAVE IT.
WONDERFUL. THE TWO LEAST POWERFUL AVENGERS ARE ENSURING MY SAFETY.
SMOKE
AND HERE I THOUGHT THOR WAS ARROGANT.

BEING RIGHT ALL THE TIME CAN BE A BURDEN.
CAPTAIN AMERICA'S SMOKE BOMB IS AN ADMITTEDLY DECENT IDEA. BUT HYPERION...HE CAN SEE THROUGH WALLS.
HE CAN DO ANYTHING.
AND I REALIZE... I CAN'T BEAT HIM.
MOVE, OCTAVIUS! MO--
BOOM
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD WIN, SPIDER-MAN? THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.
WHAT I AM NOW... I CANNOT BE STOPPED. I'VE EVOLVED.
I'M BETTER THAN YOU.
I'M GOING TO TEAR OFF YOUR HEAD NOW.
AAAH!
HYPERION!

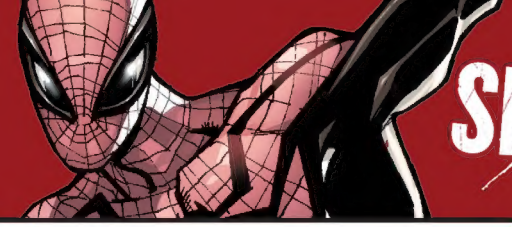
HA HA HA!
EVEN IF YOU COULD KILL ME, WOULD YOU?
WOULD YOU KILL AN AVENGER?
URK!
DON'T TEMPT ME.
HULK! INCOMING!
OR HER.
RRRAA!
HA HA HA!
YOU ARE NOTHING TO ME! THE HYPERION CANNOT BE STOPPED.
AND SOON, I'LL BOND TO THIS FORM FOREVER!
HIS FACE...WHAT IS THAT?
THAT'S CARRION.
I'M GOING TO SHOOT HIM NOW.

GIVE MY REGARDS TO HELL, CARRION.
HYPERION WILL DIE!
IF I DIE, HYPERION DIES WITH ME!
STOP.
HE'S LYING!
HOW CAN YOU BE SURE?
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THIS, YOU KNOW WHAT'S AT STAKE!
AN AVENGER'S LIFE!
EVERYONE'S LIFE.
YOU KNOW ME, CAP. TRUST ME NOW.
...
DO IT.
NYEAAAAAH!
CAPTAIN AMERICA DOESN'T KNOW ME AT ALL.

HYPERION...
I BUILT THIS MACHINE TO DESTROY THE CARRION VIRUS THIS MORNING, IN ABOUT SEVENTEEN MINUTES.
THE SURVIVAL OF THE HOST WAS A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION.
IT JUST SO HAPPENS, I'M THAT GOOD.
WHAT HAPPENED?
DID WE BEAT SPIDER-MAN?
NOT EXACTLY, MY FRIEND.
THE VIRUS?
GONE.
AND SOMEONE... CREATED THIS THING?
YES...AN OLD ENEMY. ONE THAT I'LL DEAL WITH.
WELL, PUNCH HIM FOR ME, BECAUSE THIS SUCKED.
SPIDER-MAN... THANK YOU.
AND I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY. I SHOULDN'T HAVE DOUBTED YOU.
ABOUT YOUR PROBATION...
PROBATION?
OH, WERE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT THAT?
ADORABLE.
IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY, GENTLEMEN.
IF YOU NEED ME TO SAVE YOU ALL AGAIN, CALL ME.


Battery Park.
A NEW DAY.
THE AVENGERS. THE FANTASTIC FOUR. THE X-MEN.
MY SO-CALLED FRIENDS AND ALLIES.
I'VE WON THEIR TRUST NOW. THEY WILL ACCEPT THE "NEW" ME.
AND IN TRUTH, WHEN FACED WITH A BEING OF HYPERION'S POWER, I SAW THE VALUE IN BEING PART OF A TEAM.
JUST NOT *THAT* TEAM.
I REQUIRE MY OWN TEAM.
A SUPERIOR TEAM.
Next: Scarlet Spider!

Epilogue.
Dow
BUT DID YOU HAVE FUN?!
SPIDER-MAN'S WEAPON WAS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE. IT TOOK ME HOURS TO RE-FORM.
HE WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IF YOU WISH TO PROCEED.
MY DEAR CARRION, DEALING WITH SPIDER-MAN IS EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING NEXT!
ON TO PHASE TWO!
IT'S PHASE THREE, JACKAL.
ON TO PHASE THREE!
LET'S GO KILL SPIDER-MAN!



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Welcome, Superior readers! We're all very excited to have you all on board for Superior Spider-Month beginning with the all-new Superior Spider-Man Team-Up! Hope this first issue gave you everything you were expecting in a Team-Up book and more. Ock-Spidey in all his cunning glory proves why he's the Superior Spider-Man – whether or not we like it! He's got a lot planned in the coming months as Ock plots ways to become even more Superior – and if you didn't notice on that last page, he's got a surprise waiting for him, too.

Amidst the blazing July heat, we'll be having our favorite webbed menace crawling through a few of our Marvel titles. Check them all out here!

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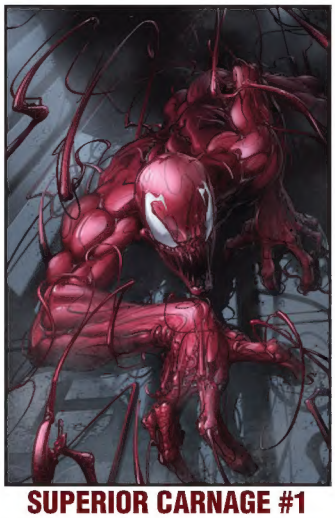

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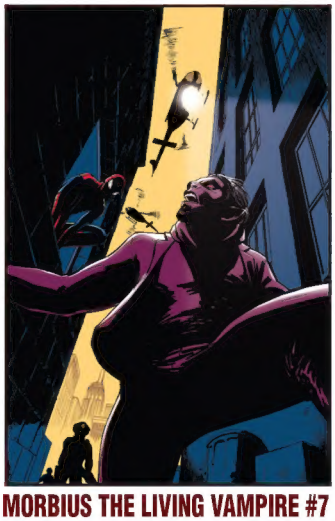

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